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The Supergrade Review Board compared a number of Agencies in the national security group with respect to percentage of positions with compensation levels above the GS-15 level. The following agencies were studied:

Agency	Total Personnel	Above GS-15 or Equivalent Salary Level	Percentage of Positions over GS-15 To The Total Personnel	
Federal Civil Defense Admin. Atomic Energy Commission State Department Mutual Security Agency	1,108 6,734 31,300 4,969	24 94 54 54	2.17 1.40 1.32 1.09	
Central Intelligence Agency Department of Defense	4,968,000	1232	1.0½ 0.02	25X9

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SUMMARY OF REVIEW BOARD'S RECOMMENDATIONS
ON THE SUPERGRADE POSITION STRUCTURE OF CIA

- 1. The requirements of CIA for positions established above the classification level of (3-15 have been subjected to considerable study and careful analysis. To establish these requirements with maximum objectivity, and to realise sound internal balance, the Director created a Heview Board, comprising senior Agency officials, to scrutinize and make recommendations with respect to each proposed supergrade position action.
- 2. Control of supergrade classifications in CIA can be realized most effectively through the establishment of a formula which takes cognizance of Agency manpower problems. The employment strength of the Agency will undoubtedly fluctuate with the size and nature of the responsibilities imposed by the National Security Council. A rigid numerical supergrade ceiling requiring continuing revisions in response to such changes would entail administrative problems not present with the adoption of a percentage ratio.
- 3. It is recognized that the Agency's requirements should be reconciled with the pattern of supergrade position structures existing in other parts of the Government, particularly where reasonable bases for comparison can be identified. Such comparisons may be located among agencies engaging in substantial foreign or inter-governmental activity in the national security field.

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- 4. CIA currently ranks lower than other comparable National Security

 acencies in percentage of supergrades. The CIA ceiling of

 This is far below the

 ratio of 1.32% in the Department of State--taking into account all

 positions above the CS-15 compensation level, and including statuatory positions and Foreign Service Officers in the higher classes.

 In the Atomic Energy Commission the ratio is 1.40%, and in the

 Federal Civil Defense Administration it is 2.17%.
- 5. A reasonable ratio for CIA would appear to be in the neighborhood

and is insignificantly greater than that in the Department of State.

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